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July 22, 2026

TO: Lassen County Board of Supervisors
Agenda Date: July 28, 2026

FROM: Gaylon F. Norwood, Director GFN

SUBJECT: Public hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 65856 to consider a proposed ordinance amending County Code Sections 18.108.230 (Keeping animals-Special provisions), 18.14.1110 (Small livestock farming). The proposed change will clarify that alpacas are classified as large livestock.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Receive report from staff and recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission; and
2. Conduct a public hearing; and
3. Introduce and adopt, by title only, the proposed ordinance.

Summary:
The Lassen County Planning Commission met on July 7, 2026 and recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed ordinance (see attached Planning Commission resolution).

Please see the attached March 4, 2025, Planning Commission packet for more information.

GFN:mmh
Enclosures: Planning Commission Resolution Number 7-02-26
July 7, 2026, Planning Commission packet
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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The following ordinance, consisting of four sections, was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

_____
Gary Bridges
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, State of California

Attest:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By:_____
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen Board of Supervisors

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. Before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its adoption a summary shall be published with the names of the members voting for and against the same, once in a local newspaper of the County of Lassen, State of California.

SECTION TWO: Section 18.108.230 of the Lassen County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

18.108.230 Keeping animals-Special provisions

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this title, the following regulations shall apply to the keeping of animals on a property:

(1) The minimum lot area upon which a horse, cow, ostrich, llama, alpaca or other large animal may be kept is one acre, and two large animals may be kept on such area. One additional large animal may be kept for each twenty thousand square feet by which a parcel of land exceeds one acre.

(2) Stables shall be located midway between the side lot lines, but in no case closer than twenty feet to the side lot lines, and not closer than fifty feet to the front lot line.

(3) Not more than one goat, or one hog, or one sheep or similar livestock shall be kept for every seven thousand square feet of area. Such area requirements shall not include the special setback requirements of this Title, nor the area occupied by the main building;

SECTION THREE: Section 18.14.1110 of the Lassen County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Small livestock farming" means the raising and/or keeping of more than twelve chicken hens or twelve pigeons or twelve similar fowl and/or twelve rabbits or twelve similar animals or any roosters, quacking ducks, geese, guinea fowl, peafowl, goats, sheep or similar livestock; or the raising and/or keeping for commercial purposes of any cats or dogs; provided, that the term "small livestock farming" as used in this title does not include hog farming, dairying or the raising and/or keeping of horses, mules, alpacas or similar livestock as determined by the board of supervisors.

SECTION FOUR: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional and invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

EXCERPTS
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
July 7, 2026

The Commission convened in regular session at 1:10 p.m. at 707 Nevada Street Susanville, CA. with Commission members Jeff Askew, Mark Solomon, Curtis Gatie and Toby Corder present. Commissioner Clark absent. Also present were Gaylon Norwood (Director and Planning Commission Secretary), Planning and Building Services Department staff; and Recording Secretary Anetia Elliott.

(**Note:** The following is summary minutes of this meeting and is not a transcript. Contact the Planning and Building Services Department {530} 251-8269 to determine if an audio recording is available.)

The following are excerpts from the above meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: File #318.01.76, Classification of Alpacas as Large Animals. Make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding a proposed Ordinance amending Sections 18.108.230 (Keeping animals-Special provisions) and Section 18.14.1110 (Small livestock farming) of the Lassen County Code. The proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant CEQA Guidelines Subsection 15061(b)(3). The ordinance would be applicable in all unincorporated areas of Lassen County. Mindie Hilton, Senior Planner presented staff report.

The public hearing was opened at 1:42 p.m.

The public hearing was closed at 1:43 p.m.

MOTION:
It was moved by Commissioner Corder, seconded by Commissioner Askew, and carried adopt Resolution 7-02-26, recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed ordinance File #318.01.76, Classification of Alpacas as Large Animals. Commissioners Corder, Gatie, Askew and Solomon voted "Aye". Commissioner Clark was absent.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Planning Commission on _____.
(Date)

ATTEST:

_____
Gaylon F. Norwood, Secretary
Lassen County Planning Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 7-02-26

RESOLUTION OF THE LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 18.108.230 (KEEPING ANIMALS-SPECIAL PROVISIONS) AND 18.14.1110 (SMALL LIVESTOCK FARMING) OF THE LASSEN COUNTY CODE. (File #318.01.76)

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Planning Commission, after due notice and public hearing conducted on July 7, 2026, has considered Zoning Text Amendment #318.01.76, filed by Lassen County, proposing revisions to the Lassen County Zoning Ordinance, Title 18, modifying Sections 18.108.230 "Keeping animals-Special provisions" and 18.14.1110 "Small livestock farming"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will consider Zoning Text Amendment #318.01.76; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Planning Commission is an advisory body to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2026, the Planning Commission has considered the proposed ordinance as required by Section 65854 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Environmental Review Officer has recommended that the Board of Supervisors find that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Sections 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The above recitals are true and correct; and

2. The Planning Commission hereby concurs with the Environmental Review Officer that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Sections 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

3. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed ordinance presented to the Planning Commission on July 7, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the 7th day of July 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Corder, Gatie, Askew and Solomon

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Clark

Mark A Solomon
Chairman Lassen County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Maurice L. Anderson, Secretary
Lassen County Planning Commission

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June 24, 2026

TO: Lassen County Planning Commission
Agenda Date: July 7, 2026

FROM: Gaylon F. Norwood, Director GFN

SUBJECT: Ordinance amending County Code Sections 18.108.230 (Keeping animals-Special provisions), 18.14.1110 (Small livestock farming).

Summary:
At the March 24, 2026, Lassen County Board of Supervisors meeting, an Interpretive Action regarding the classification of alpacas was made. The Board of Supervisors determined alpacas are to be classified as large livestock. This proposed zoning amendment to Lassen County Code is being made to clarify that alpacas are classified as large livestock. The two sections of County Code that this proposed zoning amendment amends are summarized as follows:

- Section Two of the proposed ordinance adds alpacas to the list of large animals in Section 18.108.230(a)(1).

- Section Three of the proposed ordinance amends Section 18.14.1110, adding alpacas to the list of animals not to be termed small livestock farming.

Adoption Process:
The proposed ordinance is being considered in accordance with section 65853 et seq (Zoning Amendment Procedures) of the California Government Code. In summary, both the Planning Commission and the Board must each conduct a public hearing before said ordinance can be adopted. In accordance with section 65857, the Board of Supervisors can introduce and adopt the ordinance at the same meeting. However, the Board must refer the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Commission, if the Board wishes to consider modifications to the proposed ordinance not considered by the Planning Commission.

California Environmental Quality Act:
The Environmental Review Officer (ERO) has determined that this proposed amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Section 15061(b)(3) states that "*...CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.*" The proposed amendment makes minor adjustments to County Code that will not have a significant environmental affect.

GFN:mmh
Enclosures: Proposed Ordinance
Existing County Code of involved sections

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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AYES:_____

NOES:_____

ABSTAIN:_____

ABSENT:_____

_____
Chairman Lassen County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

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Maurice L. Anderson, Secretary
Lassen County Planning Commission

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ABSENT: _____

_____
Gary Bridges
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, State of California

Attest:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By:_____
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen Board of Supervisors

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thereof, irrespective of the fact any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

§ 18.14.1110 **Small livestock farming.**

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(Ord. 467 § 2, 1984)

§ 18.108.230 **Keeping animals—Special provisions.**

(a)

Unless otherwise provided in this title, the following regulations shall apply to the keeping of animals on a property:

(1)

The minimum lot area upon which a horse, cow, ostrich, llama or other large animal may be kept is one acre, and two large animals may be kept on such area. One additional large animal may be kept for each twenty thousand square feet by which a parcel of land exceeds one acre.

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(b)

The density limitations listed above shall not apply to targeted grazing, provided said targeted grazing lasts no longer than thirty days in any single calendar year on any single parcel.

(Ord. 467 § 66, 1984; Ord. 467-W § 8, 1998; Ord. 467-X § 11, 2000; Ord. 467-AC § 28, 2003; **Ord. 2024-01**, 3/12/2024)

Lassen County
Board of Supervisors
Minute Order
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:
DISTRICT 1 - MIKE SCANLAN; DISTRICT 2 - GARY BRIDGES - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 3 - TOM NEELY;
DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH - VICE CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 5 - JASON INGRAM

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Supervisors Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh, and Ingram. Also present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Maury Anderson, County Counsel Andrew Plett, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Present: 5 - Mike Scanlan, Gary Bridges, Tom Neely, Aaron Albaugh and Jason Ingram

Excuse: 0

MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES INTERPRETIVE ACTION
SUBJECT: Interpretive Action and determination to be made by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Lassen County Code Section 18.122.040 and 18.14.1110, regarding the classification of alpacas as either small or large livestock. The number of animals that may be kept is impacted by this classification. Assessor Parcel Number 135-190-027, 449-585 Hamlin Rd. Milford, CA, 96121.
FISCAL IMPACT: None.
ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) determine whether an alpaca shall be classified as a small or large livestock animal.

Planning and Building Services Associate Planner Mindie Hilton read the subject and action requested of the agenda item and stated the Lassen County Code did not define an alpaca as large or small livestock. The request was for the board to make that determination and to create a density to have per acre for the health of the animals and health of the ground. Planner Hilton gave a brief overview of the alpaca. Supervisor Albaugh stated there were several types of animals on the property in addition to the alpacas. CAO Anderson confirmed there were multiple types of livestock. Director of Planning and Building Services Gaylon Norwood gave an explanation animal per acre. CAO Anderson

reminded the board the item being presented was to solely consider if an alpaca was a large or small animal. Additional discussion was held pertaining to small and large livestock. Supervisor Ingram made a motion to determine the alpaca was a large animal. Supervisor Albaugh made substitute motion that the Lassen County Code sections 18.122.040 and 18.14.1110 to include the alpaca to be classified as a large livestock animal. Supervisor withdrew his initial motion.

SPEAKERS: Teresa Staltery, Victoria Hall, Heidi Prey, Joshua Carpenter.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Ingram, that the Lassen County Code sections 18.122.040 and 18.14.1110 to include the alpaca to be classified as a large livestock animal. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

County of Lassen County)
State of California) ss.
I, Michele J Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the minute order of said Board of Supervisors on above date.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Official Seal of the said Board of Supervisors this 25th day of March, 2026.

By _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board, County of Lassen, Board of Supervisors